

# House File 665 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to tracking deer on private property at night,  
2 and providing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION.   **481A.125B Tracking deer at night**  
2 **— entering private property.**

3     A person tracking deer at night shall not enter another  
4 person's private property without first receiving permission  
5 from the property owner. Failure to receive permission  
6 prior to entering the private property constitutes a simple  
7 misdemeanor. Additionally, a person who violates this section  
8 shall be subject to civil damages as provided in sections  
9 481A.130 and 481A.131. A deer taken in violation of this  
10 section shall be subject to seizure as provided in section  
11 481A.12. This section does not prohibit the unarmed pursuit  
12 of deer by a person who lawfully injured or killed a deer that  
13 comes to rest on or escapes to the property of another.

14                                   EXPLANATION

15                   The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16                   the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17     This bill relates to entering private property when tracking  
18 deer at night.

19     Under the bill, a person tracking deer at night shall  
20 not enter the property of another without first receiving  
21 the property owner's permission. A person who violates the  
22 provisions of the bill commits a simple misdemeanor. A simple  
23 misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more than 30  
24 days and a fine of at least \$105 but not more than \$855. In  
25 addition, a person who violates the provisions of the bill is  
26 subject to existing civil damages in Code chapter 481A relating  
27 to unlawfully taking a deer. A deer taken by a person while the  
28 person is violating the provisions of the bill is subject to  
29 seizure by the director of the department of natural resources  
30 or a peace officer.

31     The bill does not prohibit the unarmed pursuit of deer by a  
32 person who lawfully injured or killed a deer that comes to rest  
33 on or escapes to the property of another.